

# VETS & JOB CORPS

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### General

#### **What is the demonstration project between Job Corps and VETS?**

Job Corps has partnered with VETS to offer Veterans the opportunity to train for a new and rewarding career alongside other Veterans. Three Job Corps centers provide dorm areas exclusively for Veterans so you may live among others who are also transitioning from the military to civilian life.

#### **What benefits do I get by attending one of the three demonstration centers for Veterans?**

At these three centers, you will be given priority in enrolling in the career technical training area of your choice and will have the opportunity to live in a dorm area exclusively for Veterans. The three demonstration centers for Veterans are:

- Atterbury Job Corps Center in Edinburgh, Indiana
- Earle C. Clements Job Corps Center in Morganfield, Kentucky
- Excelsior Springs Job Corps Center in Excelsior Springs, Missouri

#### **May I attend any of the 123 Job Corps centers?**

While the demonstration project for Veterans is offered only at the three centers listed above, you may attend any of the 123 Job Corps centers provided space is available and you are deemed eligible.

#### **Does it cost anything?**

No. Job Corps has no cost to its students or their families.

#### **Do I get paid while I am at Job Corps?**

Throughout your training, you will receive a basic living allowance. As your training progresses, your living allowance will increase. After you graduate, Job Corps will provide you with a transition allowance based on your academic and career skills achievement while in the program.

#### **Does enrollment in Job Corps affect my unemployment insurance benefits?**

Unemployment insurance policies vary by state. Some states allow Job Corps participants to collect benefits while enrolled, but you will need to consult your unemployment insurance representative.

#### **How long do I have to stay at Job Corps?**

Job Corps is a self-paced program. That means you learn at your own pace. Depending on the career area you choose and the learning pace you set for yourself, training can take from 8 months to 2 years to complete. Job Corps recommends that you remain on center for at least 1 year to gain the knowledge and social skills needed for your new career.

#### **May I leave Job Corps if I don't like it?**

Yes. No one will force you to stay if you're not happy at Job Corps. You must be committed to the program to benefit from it. We promise you this: It will be difficult at times, and it will challenge you. But if you don't quit on us, we won't quit on you.

#### **Is there a penalty for withdrawing from Job Corps?**

There is no penalty for withdrawing from the program; however, those participants who complete the program have higher job placement rates and higher average wages than those who withdraw.

#### **How do I enroll in Job Corps?**

A Job Corps representative at your Transition Assistance Program site can direct you to the admissions counselor in your area. Additionally, you can call our toll-free admissions line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at (800) 733-JOBS/5627.

#### **What documents should I bring with me to enroll in Job Corps?**

If you graduated from high school, please bring a copy of your diploma or official transcripts indicating graduation. If you received your GED, bring a copy of your certificate or official test scores. Other documents you must bring are your Social Security card or your U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) alien registration card, and your immunization records.

If you have a driver's license, medical insurance card, food stamps, public assistance documentation, or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) documentation, please bring them with you.



To enroll in the VETS/Job Corps demonstration project, call toll-free (800) 733-JOBS/5627. Operators are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

or

Visit us online at  
[www.recruiting.jobcorps.gov](http://www.recruiting.jobcorps.gov)  
<http://mifuturo.jobcorps.gov> (español)

## Life on Center

### Do I have to live at the center?

Most students live on center, but some centers serve nonresidential students as well. Nonresidential policies vary at each center, so check with your admissions counselor for details.

### Will I have a roommate?

Yes. Depending on the center, you can have anywhere from one to seven roommates. Centers offer separate male and female dormitories.

### What are the rules at Job Corps?

Job Corps centers have rules and regulations to provide the safest possible learning environment for students. Job Corps has a Zero Tolerance Policy against violence and drugs. Any student who violates this policy will be removed from the Job Corps program.

### Is there a curfew?

Each center has a curfew. Your admissions counselor can provide you with additional details for your center.

### May I bring my spouse to Job Corps?

Your spouse may accompany you only if he or she is also enrolled in the program. A spouse would have to meet Job Corps' eligibility requirements. Please note that married couples do not share a room and must abide by the same rules as other Job Corps students.

### May I bring my child to Job Corps?

Job Corps offers child-care assistance at some center locations. Students may also contribute a portion of their biweekly allowance to fund off-site child care. Your admissions counselor will explain what options are available to you.

### May my family visit me on center?

Yes. You may have family visit you at the center. Please have them contact the center in advance of their visit.

### When can I go home to visit?

Passes may be given for weekend visits with family, overnight trips off center, holidays, and emergency situations. Job Corps will provide your transportation for your initial trip to the center and your return home when you leave the program. In addition, transportation will be provided to and from your home during the winter and summer breaks. Any other trips home must be arranged and paid for by the student.

### What do I have to wear?

You are responsible for providing your own everyday clothes. Individual centers have rules about personal appearance. Generally, articles of clothing with offensive wording, large amounts of jewelry, or any items that promote drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or violence are not allowed. Many centers require students to wear uniforms during the training day. If that applies to you, a uniform will be provided.

### May I take personal belongings to Job Corps?

Students are expected to bring personal care and grooming items. However, students should not bring expensive video and audio equipment, computers, or similar items. Your admissions counselor can help you determine what items are appropriate to bring on center.

## Career Technical Training and Education

### What kind of training is available through Job Corps?

Job Corps offers career technical training in more than 100 career areas, including green job training in advanced manufacturing, automotive and machine repair, and construction careers. Students also receive academic training, including basic reading and math, GED attainment, college preparatory courses, and Limited English Proficiency courses. Courses in independent living, employability skills, and social skills are offered in order to help students transition into the workplace.

### What else does Job Corps have to offer?

Job Corps offers career planning and job placement services, on-the-job training, residential housing, food service, driver's education, basic health and dental care, a biweekly basic living allowance, and a clothing allowance. Some centers offer child care programs as well.

### Am I guaranteed a certification?

Job Corps' career training provides students with the knowledge and skills to receive a certification upon completion of their training. However, a certificate is not guaranteed.

### Will I get credit for my military experience?

No, you will not receive credit for military experience. However, the skill sets you have earned in the military will help your career training advance quickly.

### How long will my training last?

The length of training varies for each student. Training may range from 8 months to 2 years based on the level of training and industry certification the student desires.

### Can Job Corps help me get into college after I graduate from the program?

Some Job Corps centers have cooperative agreements with community colleges or related institutions to teach specific career area courses or to have individual students take courses for college credit. Job Corps will work with students to help them transfer into college programs, when appropriate.

### What happens after I graduate from Job Corps?

Even before graduation, a Job Corps career transition specialist will assist you in conducting a job search and direct you to social services such as health care, housing, legal assistance, and child care. For up to 21 months after you graduate, a Job Corps career transition specialist will stay in touch with you to make sure things are going well in your new career.

